Broadcast radio does not give the weather and traffic in any given city when you need it, before getting on a route thru that city. I travel thru Atlanta on a regular basis and unless it is the normal rush hour there is no way to find out the traffic conditions untill you get to the public display signs, and then it is too late to change routes. XM will provide this info when it adds Atlanta later this year. I am looking forward to it. I already use it for Tampa and Orlando.

It is a pleasure to get this info long before you are in brodcast radio range of the city, and I am sure that it helps traffic control in the congested area when many people choose alternate routes early.

I would hope that in the future XM (and other satellite radio providers) will offer traffic and weather conditions on the entire Interstate grid. This will help in the situation where you find an interstate completely closed after it is too late to take an alternate route.